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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 28TH UNGA

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- 1. SUMMARY: GOB AGREES WITH US POSITION ON UNCURK AND UNC BUT RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CONCURRENT ADMISSION OF TWO FOREAS TO UN. END SUMMARY.
- 2. EMBASSY APPROACHED FONOFF IO DIRECTOR BAUWENS PER REFTEL AUGUST 17. BAUWENS FORESAW NO DIFFICULTY IN GOB SUPPORTING US POSITION ON UNCURK AND UN COMMAND (UNC). HE SAID, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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THT GOB PROBABLY WOULD ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION CALLING FOR

CONCURRENT ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS. BAUWENS POINTED OUT THAT, ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED BELGIAN DIPLOMATIC PROCEDURE, BELGIAN VOTE IN FAVOR OF ADMISSION OF COUNTRY TO AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IMPLIES THAT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THAT COUNTRY BY GOB WILL SHORTLY FOLLOW. THUS BELGIAN SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS WOULD LEAD BELGIAN PUBLIC TO EXPECT RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA. IN BELGIAN VIEW, SINCE COUNTRIES SYMPATHETIC TO NORTH KOREA ARE NOT PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH KOREA, RESOLUTION ON CONCURRENT ADMISSION WOULD INCREASE INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY OF NORTH KOREA WITHOUT BENEFITING SOUTH KOREA.

3. FONOFF DIRECTOR FE AFFAIRS DEBASSOMPIERRE TOLD CHARGE AUGUST 16 THAT GOB TOOK SIMILAR LINE WITH SOUTH KOREAN FONMIN KIM YONG SHIK DURING HIS VISIT TO BRUSSELS AUGUST 9. ACCORDING TO DEBASSOMPIERRE, DISCUSSION DURING VISIT CENTERED ON SOUTH KOREAN PROPOSAL FOR UNGA RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING 1) CONCURRENT ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS AND 2) CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR UNC. IN ADDITION TO NOTING PROBLEMS RE RECOGNITION THAT SUCH RESOLUTION WOULD RAISE, DEBASSOMPIERRE SAID BELGIANS HAD POINTED OUT THAT LINKING ADMISSION ISSUE TO UNC WOULD BE LIKELY TO INCREASE NUMBER OF NEGATIVE VOTES ON RESOLUTION. BELGIANS ASKED KIM YONG SHIK FOR WORDING OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION BEFORE TAKING FINAL DECISION. DEBASSOMPIERRE TOLD CHARGE THAT GOB MIGHT BE WILLING TO CONSIDER RESOLTUION RECOMMENDING THAT "CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN" TO ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS RATHER THAN CALLING FOR ADMISSION.

4. COMMENT: REMARKS BY BAUWENS AND DEBASSOMPIERRE VARY FROM VIEWS LATTER EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE (BRUSSELS 4438 NOTAL). BELGIANS HAVE REVERSED THEMSELVES ON CONCURRENT ADMISSION, PERHAPS AS RESULTS OF CONSIDERATION BY HIGHER ECHELONS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. ULTIMATE POSITION, HOWEVER, NO DOUBT WILL BE INFLUENCED BY VIEWS OF OTHER EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS. EMBASSY WOULD PROPOSE TO PURSUE DISCUSSION WITH FONOFF IF ARMED WITH FURTHER SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT. WOULD, HOWEVER, BE PREFERABLE AWAIT REACTION OF OTHER EUROPEANS BEFORE TAKING FURTHER ACTION. WE PRESUME US DOES NOT SUPPORT IDEA OF RESOLUTION LINKING KOREAN ADMISSION AND STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR UNC. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CONFIDENTIAL

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